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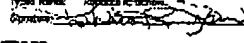
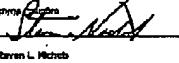
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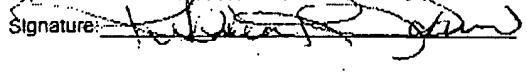
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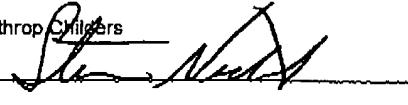
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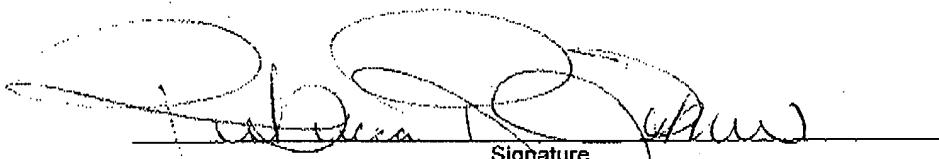
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2. Certificate of Transmission (1 page)
3. Appeal Brief (28 pages)
4. Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, filed August 21, 2008, by inventor Winthrop Childers (9 pages)
5. Second Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, by the inventor, Winthrop Childers, and dated 26 March 2008 (2 pages)

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This is an Appeal Brief under Rule 41.37 appealing the decision of the Primary Examiner dated November 13, 2007 (the "final Office Action"). Each of the topics required by Rule 41.37 is presented herewith and is labeled appropriately.

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I. Real Party in Interest

The real party in interest is Hewlett-Packard Development Company, LP, a limited partnership established under the laws of the State of Texas and having a principal place of business at 20555 S.H. 249 Houston, TX 77070, U.S.A. (hereinafter "HPDC"). HPDC is a Texas limited partnership and is a wholly-owned affiliate of Hewlett-Packard Company, a Delaware Corporation, headquartered in Palo Alto, CA. The general or managing partner of HPDC is HPQ Holdings, LLC.

200208971-1**10/645,185****II. Related Appeals and Interferences**

There are no appeals or interferences related to the present application of which the Appellant is aware.

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III. Status of Claims

Claims 1-33 are pending in the application and stand finally rejected. Accordingly, Appellant appeals from the final rejection of claims 1-33, which claims are presented in the Appendix.

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IV. Status of Amendments

No amendments have been filed subsequent to the final Office Action of November 13, 2007, from which Appellant takes this appeal.

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V. Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

The independent claims of the application recite the following subject matter.

1. A projector reservation system, comprising:

a reservation system server capable of communicating over a network with a client (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0017*) that fulfills projector and venue reservation requests received via the network and coordinates a transport and a storage of presentation data received via the network (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0017*); and

one or more projector systems capable of communicating with the reservation system server that download the presentation data for display according to the projector and venue reservation requests (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0017*).

8. A method of requesting a projector and a presentation venue reservation, comprising:

selecting the presentation venue having one or more available projectors in accordance with a venue selection criteria for a presentation and associated presentation data (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0018*);

selecting a projector according to a projector or selection criteria for the presentation and one or more available projectors at the venue (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0018*)

selecting a level of security for storing the presentation data to protect the presentation data from unauthorized access (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0018*); and

upload the presentation data to a reservation system server via a network (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0018*).

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15. A method of coordinating a projector and presentation venue reservation, comprising:

receiving a projector and presentation venue reservation request (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0019*);

downloading presentation data from a projector reservation client (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0019*);

ensuring availability of presentation software compatible with the presentation data (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0019*); and

commencing a presentation including presentation data (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0019*).

29. An apparatus for projector reservation system, comprising:

means (102-104, 110) for selecting a presentation venue according to a venue selection criteria for a presentation (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0029*);

means (102-104, 110) for selecting a projector (112-114) according to a projector selection criteria for the presentation and one or more projectors available at the venue (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0029*);

means (102-104) for selecting a level of security for presentation data storage to protect presentation data associated with the presentation from unauthorized access (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0030*); and

means (102-104, 106) for uploading presentation data to a reservation system server (110) via the network (106) (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0031*).

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30. An apparatus for coordinating a projector reservation system and presentation, comprising:

means (106, 110) for receiving presentation data from a projector reservation client (102-104) (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0032*);

means (110) for ensuring availability of proper presentation software (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0013*);

means (110) for receiving a password, decryption key, or biometric verification for accessing presentation data (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0034*); and

means (110, 112-114) for commencing a presentation of the presentation data (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0036*).

31. A computer program product for controlling a projector reservation system, tangibly stored in a computer readable medium, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor (110) to:

select a presentation venue (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0029*);
select a projector (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0029*);
coordinate uploading, security, and storage of presentation data (*Appellant's specification, paragraphs 0030-31*);

coordinate delivery presentation data to the projector reservation system at the time and date specified by a reservation system (*Appellant's specification, paragraph 0029*); and

coordinate a presentation of the presentation data (*Appellant's specification, paragraphs 0020 and 0036*).

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VI. Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

The final Office Action raised the following grounds of rejection.

(1) Claims 1, 5, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004/00064355 to Dorenbosch et al. ("Dorenbosch") and U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004/0039723 to Lee et al. ("Lee").

(2) Claims 2 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, Lee and Official Notice taken by the Examiner.

(3) Claims 3, 4, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, Lee and U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 20060288229 to Hamid et al. ("Hamid").

(4) Claims 8, 11, 14 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, U.S. Patent No. 2006/0010317 to Lee ("Lee-2") and Lee.

(5) Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, Lee and U.S. Patent No. 5,124,912 to Hotaling et al.

(6) Claims 10, 12, and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, Lee-2 and Lee.

(7) Claims 15, 18-22, and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, Lee and U.S. Patent No. 7,143,177 to Johnson et al. ("Johnson").

(8) Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, Lee, Johnson and Hamid.

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(9) Claims 17 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, Lee, Johnson and U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2003/0208565 to Nishihara et al. ("Nishihara").

(10) Claims 23-25 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, Lee, Johnson, Hamid and Official Notice taken by the Examiner.

(11) Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Lee, Johnson and Hamid.

(12) Claim 32 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, Lee, Hamid and Johnson.

(13) Claim 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combined teachings of Dorenbosch, Lee, Hamid and Nishihara.

According, Appellant hereby requests review these grounds of rejection in the present appeal.

Appellant notes here that each and every ground of rejection relies upon the teachings of Lee (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004/0039723 to Lee et al.). As Appellant has demonstrated on the record, Appellant's invention occurred before the priority date of Lee, rendering Lee invalid prior art against the present application.

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VII. Argument

(1) Claims 1, 5, and 7 are patentable because Lee is not valid prior art:

As will be explained in detail below, if 37 C.F.R. 1.131 is correctly applied, the evidence of record in this application should be sufficient to eliminate Lee et al. [2004/0039723] from consideration as valid prior art. Consequently, all the rejections made in the recent Office Action, all of which rely on Lee, are rendered moot.

In a previous response by the Appellant, dated August 21, 2007, a declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 was submitted. A copy of this declaration is filed herewith in the following "Evidence Appendix" showing conception of the subject matter claimed in this application at least as early as Sept. 23, 2002 by the inventor, Winthrop Childers, within the United States. This conception date, established by the declaration under Rule 131, is prior to the effective dates of cited references U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004/0064355 to Dorenbosch et al ("Dorenbosch") and U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2004/0039723 to Lee et al ("Lee"). The effective date of Dorenbosch as a prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is the filing date of the reference, Oct. 1, 2002. Similarly, the effective date of Lee as a prior art reference under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is its filing date, April 3, 2003. The declaration filed under Rule 131 further showed activities undertaken by the Appellant from conception to constructive reduction to practice (i.e., the filing of the present application) on August 21, 2003.

In an Office Action, dated Nov. 13, 2007, the Examiner rejected the Appellant's Rule 131 declaration saying that: "The absence of activity between the dates of Sept. 23, 2002 and April 3, 2003 does not prove that due diligence was taken toward constructive reduction to practice." Appellant respectfully submits that this is both incorrect as a matter of law and a misapplication of Rule 131.

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Firstly, the inventor has acknowledged in the declaration that all statements in the declaration are true and, if false, would be subject to punishment under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. (Declaration of 8/17/07, Para. 14). In the declaration, the inventor expressly states that he, the inventor, prior to October 1, 2002, "I conceived of my invention and diligently worked toward constructively reducing my invention to practice by filing U.S. Application No. 10/645,185 on August 21, 2003." (*Id.* Para. 4).

The Examiner has not provided any basis or reasoning for doubting this declared statement of the inventor that acts demonstrating adequate diligence occurred during the time period in question. This is legally improper. It has been held that, due to the Appellant's duty of candor, the Patent Office is required to give weight to all statements and data in the specification or a declaration as factual evidence of patentability. *In re Soni* 34 USPQ2d 1684 (Fed. Cir. 1995). Consequently, the Examiner may not simply disregard the Inventor's declared statement that the required diligence existed during the time period in question. For at least this reason, the cited prior art references should be withdrawn from consideration as valid prior art.

Additionally, the Examiner misconstrues and misapplies Rule 131. 37 C.F.R. 131 states:

- (a) When any claim of an application or a patent under reexamination is rejected, the inventor of the subject matter of the rejected claim, the owner of the patent under reexamination, or the party qualified under §§ 1.42, 1.43, or 1.47, may submit an appropriate oath or declaration to establish invention of the subject matter of the rejected claim prior to the effective date of the reference or activity on which the rejection is based.

- (b) The showing of facts shall be such, in character and weight, as to establish reduction to practice prior to the effective date of the reference, or conception of the invention prior to the effective date of the reference coupled with due diligence from prior to said date to a subsequent reduction to practice or to the filing of the application.
(Emphasis added).

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Thus, to eliminate the cited references from consideration as valid prior art, the Appellant only need show (1) **conception prior to the effective date** and (2) **due diligence from prior to said date** (the effective date of the reference) **to a subsequent reduction to practice or to the filing of the application.**

Consequently, the correct application of the Rule to the cited prior art would be as follows:

- 1) US 2004/006355 to Dorenbosch et al.: conception should be shown prior to Oct. 1, 2002 and due diligence from just before Oct. 1, 2002 until an actual reduction to practice or Aug. 21, 2003.
- 2) US 2004/0039723 to Lee et al.: conception should be shown prior to April 3, 2003 and due diligence from just before April 3, 2003 until an actual reduction to practice or Aug. 21, 2003.

If the language of Rule 131 is correctly applied, the Appellant submits that Dorenbosch and Lee should be eliminated from consideration as valid prior art based on the previously submitted Rule 131 declaration.

In the case of Lee, Appellant must show diligence from just before April 3, 2003 to an actual reduction to practice or August 21, 2003. If the disclosure document produced by Appellant on or before September 23, 2002 is recognized as an actual reduction to practice, Lee is clearly not valid prior art against the present application under Rule 131 and Appellant previously-filed declaration. Alternatively, Appellant would need to show diligence during the four month period from April 3, 2003 to August 21, 2003.

As will be readily appreciated by those engaged in U.S. patent practice, a four month period is a perfectly reasonable period during which an Appellant may work with an attorney to draft and file a patent application, such as occurred in this case on August 21, 2003.

Turning again to the Inventor's Declaration under Rule 131, the Inventor expressly states "[f]ollowing my conception prior to October 1, 2002, I worked diligently with the Patent

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Attorney, Leland Wiesner, Esq. to prepare the patent application filed on August 21, 2003 thereby constructively reducing the invention to practice. During this time period, the patent attorney prepared one or more drafts of the application for my comment. With my comments, the patent attorney revised one or more portions of the application, claims and/or figures to accommodate my suggestions." (Declaration of 8/17/07, Para. 6).

This statement clearly demonstrates acts of diligence during the time period in question. Consequently, there is no reasonable basis for questioning Appellant's diligence during the time period in question.

Therefore, Lee should clearly be eliminated from consideration as a valid prior art reference in this matter. For at least this reason, no part of the rejection of Appellant's claims should be sustained.

Additionally, should it become necessary, it is anticipated that additional details and activities could be shown that provide evidence of diligence during the time periods in question. In particular, it is anticipated that the required diligence from just prior to April 3, 2003 until constructive reduction to practice on August 21, 2003 can be shown through an additional declaration if necessary. During this period of time, it is anticipated that there are ample affirmative acts and/or acceptable excuses to show the required diligence, such as docketing, prior art searches, attorney client communications, drafting, reviewing, and filing of the application. The approximately four to five months between April 3, 2003 and August 21, 2003 is a reasonable time frame for these actions.

Alternatively, Appellant respectfully submits that the disclosure document which was generated prior on or before September 23, 2002 is a complete description of the claimed subject matter such that one of skill in the art could practice the claimed subject matter from

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that document. Consequently, Appellant may be considered to have achieved an actual reduction to practice of the claimed subject matter on or before September 23, 2002.

As evidence of this fact, Appellant has filed herewith a second declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, which is included in the following Evidence Appendix. This declaration is by the inventor, Winthrop Childers, and dated 26 March 2008.

This declaration is evidence of the following declared facts:

1. I [Winthrop Childers] am the inventor of the above-identified patent application filed on August 21, 2003. At the time the patent application was filed, I was an employee of Hewlett-Packard Co.

2. I have experience working for Hewlett-Packard Co. in the field of projectors and related systems and methods, and am at least one of ordinary skill in the field of the above-identified patent application.

3. As part of the process of preparing the above-identified patent application, I prepared a disclosure document to record my invention. This document was prepared prior to October 1, 2002. A copy of this disclosure document was appended to my prior declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, filed August 21, 2007, which is incorporated herein by reference.

4. This disclosure document so completely described my invention that, in my opinion, one of ordinary skill in the art would have been able to practice the invention now claimed in the above-identified patent application, without undue experimentation, using that disclosure document prepared prior to October 1, 2002.

This is probative evidence that the nature of the claimed invention is such that, by preparing the disclosure document prior to October 1, 2002, the inventor enabled others of ordinary skill in the art to practice the invention as claimed without undue experimentation and, therefore, actually reduced the invention to practice no later than October 1, 2002.

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Consequently, both conception and actual reduction to practice were, by the weight of evidence presented in this Brief, completed prior to October 1, 2002, prior to the effective date of either Lee or Dorenbosch. Consequently, neither can be applied against the present invention as valid prior art. For at least this reason, no part of the rejection of Appellant's claims should be sustained.

(2) Claims 2 and 6:

The rejection of these claims should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

(3) Claims 3, 4, and 31:

The rejection of these claims should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

(4) Claims 8, 11, 14, and 29:

The rejection of these claims should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

(5) Claim 9:

The rejection of this claim should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

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(6) Claims 10, 12, and 13:

The rejection of these claims should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

(7) Claims 15, 18-22, and 26:

The rejection of these claims should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

(8) Claim 16:

The rejection of this claim should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

(9) Claims 17 and 27:

The rejection of these claims should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

(10) Claims 23-25 and 28:

The rejection of these claims should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

(11) Claim 30:

The rejection of this claim should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

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(12) Claim 32:

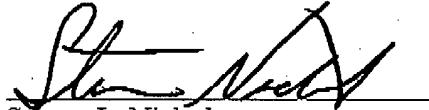
The rejection of this claim should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

(13) Claim 33:

The rejection of this claim should not be sustained because Lee is not valid prior art against the present application for the reasons demonstrated above.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the final rejection of the pending claims is improper and should not be sustained. Therefore, a reversal of the Rejection of November 13, 2007 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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VIII. CLAIMS APPENDIX

1. (previously presented) A projector reservation system, comprising:
a reservation system server capable of communicating over a network with a client that fulfills projector and venue reservation requests received via the network and coordinates a transport and a storage of presentation data received via the network; and
one or more projector systems capable of communicating with the reservation system server that download the presentation data for display according to the projector and venue reservation requests.
2. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the presentation data is stored with password protection.
3. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the presentation data is stored with encryption protection.
4. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the presentation data is stored with one or more biometric verification protections including iris scan, fingerprint recognition, and voice recognition.
5. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the reservation system server comprises a computer including a processor, random access memory, network interface, and mass storage device.

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6. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the projector system comprises a digital projector communicating with a computer including a processor, random access memory, and mass storage device.

7. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein the network comprises the Internet.

8. (previously presented) A method of requesting a projector and a presentation venue reservation, comprising:

selecting the presentation venue having one or more available projectors in accordance with a venue selection criteria for a presentation and associated presentation data;

selecting a projector according to a projector or selection criteria for the presentation and one or more available projectors at the venue;

selecting a level of security for storing the presentation data to protect the presentation data from unauthorized access; and

upload the presentation data to a reservation system server via a network.

9. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the venue selection criteria includes a least one criterion chosen from a group of criteria including city, location within the city, seating capacity, screen size, digital projector availability, sound system characteristics, and hotel room availability.

10. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the projector selection criteria include display size in pixels, projected image brightness, color fidelity, and lens system capable of zooming.

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11. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the security level includes password protection.

12. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the security level includes encryption protection.

13. (original) The method of claim 8 wherein the security level includes protection by biometric verification including iris scan, fingerprint recognition, or voice identification.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 8 wherein uploading the presentation data can take place at an arbitrary time.

15. (original) A method of coordinating a projector and presentation venue reservation, comprising:

receiving a projector and presentation venue reservation request;
downloading presentation data from a projector reservation client;
ensuring availability of presentation software compatible with the presentation data;
and
commencing a presentation including presentation data.

16. (original) The method of claim 15 further comprising receiving a password, decryption key, or biometric verification to access presentation data.

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17. (original) The method of claim 15 further comprising post-processing of presentation data.
18. (previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the presentation data is stored on the reservation system server.
19. (previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein the presentation data is stored on a projector system.
20. (previously presented) The method of 15 wherein ensuring availability a presentation software, comprises:
 - determining if presentation software compatible with the presentation data is loaded and available for use; and
 - updating the presentation software to a version compatible with the presentation data in response to the determination.
21. (previously presented) The method of claim 20 further comprising depending upon the determination, informing the projector reservation client presentation software update.
22. (original) The method of claim 20 further comprising assuring the projector reservation client of proper presentation software availability.

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23. (previously presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the password is entered via a keyboard associated with the projector system.
24. (previously presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the decryption key is supplied by a portable medium including a floppy disk, compact disc, or flash memory.
25. (previously presented) The method of claim 16 wherein biometric verification includes iris scan, fingerprint recognition, or voice identification.
26. (previously presented) The method of claim 15 wherein commencing the presentation includes reading the presentation data, converting the presentation data to graphic images, and projecting a graphic images via a digital projector.
27. (previously presented) The method of claim 17 wherein post-processing of the presentation data comprises rendering the presentation data unrecoverable.
28. (previously presented) The method of claim 20 wherein updating further comprises purchasing the software version compatible with the presentation data.
29. (previously presented) An apparatus for projector reservation system, comprising: means for selecting a presentation venue according to a venue selection criteria for a presentation; means for selecting a projector according to a projector selection criteria for the presentation and one or more projectors available at the venue;

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means for selecting a level of security for presentation data storage to protect presentation data associated with the presentation from unauthorized access; and means for uploading presentation data to a reservation system server via the network.

30. (original) An apparatus for coordinating a projector reservation system and presentation, comprising:

means for receiving presentation data from a projector reservation client; means for ensuring availability of proper presentation software; means for receiving a password, decryption key, or biometric verification for accessing presentation data; and means for commencing a presentation of the presentation data.

31. (previously presented) A computer program product for controlling a projector reservation system, tangibly stored in a computer readable medium, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to:

select a presentation venue; select a projector; coordinate uploading, security, and storage of presentation data; coordinate delivery presentation data to the projector reservation system at the time and date specified by a reservation system; and coordinate a presentation of the presentation data.

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32. (previously presented) The computer program of claim 31 further comprising assuring an availability of presentation software compatible with the uploaded presentation data.

33. (previously presented) The computer program of claim 31 further comprising performing a post-processing of the presentation data after the presentation.

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IX. Evidence Appendix

- (1) Declaration of Prior Invention under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, filed August 21, 2008, by inventor Winthrop Childers.
- (2) Second Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, by the inventor, Winthrop Childers, and dated 26 March 2008.

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X. Related Proceedings Appendix

None

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XI. Certificate of Service

None

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Serial No.:	10/645,185	Art Unit:	2176
Filed:	08/21/2003	Docket No.:	200208971-1
Title:	<u>PROJECTOR RESERVATION SYSTEM AND METHOD</u>		

DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

I declare as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the subject patent application filed on August, 21, 2003. At the time the patent application was filed, I was an employee of Hewlett-Packard Company.
2. This Declaration is submitted to establish prior invention of the subject matter of the present patent application in the United States.
3. Prior to the effective date of the reference dated October 1, 2002 (the filing date of the U.S. Application No. US 2004/0064355 to Dorenbosch et al.) I conceived of my invention and diligently worked toward constructively reducing my invention to practice by filing U.S. Application No. 10/645, 185 on August 21, 2003.
4. Prior to the effective date of the reference dated April 3, 2003 (the filing date of the U.S. Application No. US 2004/0039723 to Lee et al.) I conceived of my invention and diligently worked toward constructively reducing my invention to practice by filing U.S. Application No. 10/645, 185 on August 21, 2003.
5. Exhibit A (6 pages) includes a copy of HP Invention Disclosure No. 200208971-1 I submitted to the HP Legal Department for consideration prior to the effective date of both the Dorenbosch and Lee references.
6. Following my conception prior to October 1, 2002, I worked diligently with the Patent Attorney, Leland Wiesner, Esq. to prepare the patent application filed on August 21, 2003 thereby constructively reducing the invention to practice. During this time period, the patent attorney prepared one or more drafts of the application for my comments. With my

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comments, the patent attorney revised one or more portions of the application, claims and/or figures to accommodate my suggestions.

7. At the time of preparing Exhibit A prior to October 1, 2002, I had conceived of a projector reservation system including a reservation system server capable of communicating over a network with a client that fulfills projector and venue reservation requests received via the network and coordinates a transport and a storage of presentation data received via the network and a set of one or more projector systems capable of communicating with the reservation system server that downloads the presentation data for display according to the projector and venue reservation requests.

8. I also had conceived of a method of requesting a projector and a presentation venue reservation that included selecting the presentation venue having one or more available projectors in accordance with a venue selection criteria for a presentation and associated presentation data, selecting a projector according to a projector selection criteria for the presentation and the one or more available projectors at the venue, selecting a level of security for storing the presentation data to protect the presentation data from unauthorized access and uploading the presentation data to a reservation system server via a network.

9. Additionally, I had conceived of a method of coordinating a projector and presentation venue reservation including receiving a projector and presentation venue reservation request, downloading presentation data from a projector reservation client, ensuring availability of presentation software compatible with the presentation data and commencing a presentation including presentation data.

10. I further conceived of an apparatus for a projector reservation system, including a means for selecting a presentation venue according to a venue selection criteria for a presentation, means for selecting a projector according to a projector selection criteria for the presentation and one or more projectors available at the venue, means for selecting a level of security for presentation data storage to protect presentation data associated with the presentation from unauthorized access and means for uploading presentation data to a reservation system server via the network.

11. I also conceived of an apparatus for coordinating a projector reservation system and presentation, including a means for receiving presentation data from a projector reservation client, means for ensuring availability of proper presentation software, means for

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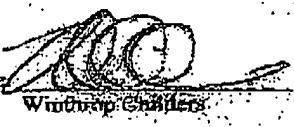
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receiving a password, decryption key, or biometric verification for accessing presentation data and means for commencing a presentation of the presentation data.

12. I also conceived of a computer program product for controlling a projector reservation system, tangibly stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising instructions operable to cause a programmable processor to select a presentation venue, select a projector, coordinate uploading, security, and storage of presentation data, coordinate delivery of presentation data to the projector reservation system at the time and date specified by a reservation and coordinate a presentation of the presentation data.

13. All acts set forth herein and/or relied upon for the purpose of establishing invention prior to October 1, 2002 were carried out in the United States.

14. I declare that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Exhibit A: HP Invention Disclosure

 Disclosure No. 200208971 <small>Invention Disclosure (B1 Document No. 501)</small>		
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<small>The information contained in this document is HP CONFIDENTIAL and may not be disclosed to others without prior authorization. Submit this disclosure to the HP Legal Department as soon as possible. No patent protection is possible until a patent application is submitted, prepared, and filed with the Government.</small>		
1. General Information		
Title Reservation system that incorporates projector file handling system		
Abstract A web-based conference room reservation and projection system includes functionality for creating the preparation or setting up of a presentation on a digital projector. In particular, the system accepts digital presentation content that is to be viewed on the projector during the presentation. The reservation system transmits the content to a projector system that includes the software and hardware layers to allow a user of the system to simply show up at the appointed time and to run the presentation without having to carry anything to the room except perhaps an encryption key. The system includes a feature that verifies proper software compatibility prior to confirmation of a reservation. The system also includes varying levels of security depending on the confidentiality of the presentation.		
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2. Inventor Information		
Attachments  Conference_Room_System.doc - 8/12/02 12:02PM - Word file disclosure <small>(Uploaded by Windrop D Children)</small>		
3. Invention Information		
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4. Description of Invention		
Problems Solved Conference room system provides a way of scheduling the room and presenting content in a secure manner.		
Prior Solutions Web-based conference room scheduling systems are in use. The user interface for such systems sometimes includes an indication of what kind of presentation devices are available in the conference room to be scheduled, such as a white board, overhead projector, etc. Often when a room is scheduled, the user needs to call in advance to verify that the proper projection system is present. For slide or video presentations user needs to carry the content along. In the case of an overhead projector, this means carrying a stack of transparencies that need to be printed out at great expense. In the case of a digital projector, the user typically needs to carry a bulky laptop. Often times the user has trouble getting the laptop to work with the digital projector that is in the conference room.		

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Recently there has been discussion of using projectors that incorporates some degree of computer functionality. This might enable the user of a conference room projector to carry along just the media containing the presentation, such as a CD-ROM. However, this has the disadvantage that the software present on the projector system may not be compatible with the content.

Description: See attached file.

Advantages: (over current reservation systems)

The main advantages are convenience and avoiding big problems—

(1) elimination of the need to take bulky slides or laptops to a presentation.

(2) controllable security of information (via varying levels of encryption)

(3) verification in advance (when the reservation is made) that the files are compatible.

1.1 Information History

Published: No
 Announced: No
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 Urgency: No
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 Related Disclosure: No
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2.2 Classification

Recommended Classification: IPOS: Emerging Technologies: Display Technology

Keywords: Projection and conference room

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Title: Predictive PROJECTOR RESERVATION SYSTEM AND METHOD**Multifunctional Web-Based Reservation and Projection System for a Conference Room**

Abstract: A web-based conference room reservation and projection system includes functionality for enabling the preparation or setting up of a presentation on a digital projector. In particular, the system accepts digital presentation content that is to be viewed on the projector during the presentation. The reservation system transforms the content to a projector system that includes the software and hardware layers to allow a user of the system to simply show up at the appointed time and to run the presentation without having to carry anything to the room except perhaps an encryption key. The system includes a feature that verifies proper software compatibility prior to confirmation of a reservation. The system also includes varying levels of security depending on the confidentiality of the presentation.

Problem Solved: Conference room system provides a way of scheduling the room and presenting content in a seamless manner.

Background: Web-based conference room scheduling systems are in use. The user interface for such systems sometimes includes an indication of what kind of presentation devices are available in the conference room to be scheduled, such as a white board, overhead projector, etc. Often when a room is scheduled, the user needs to call in advance to verify that the proper projection system is present. For slide or video presentations user needs to carry the content along. In the case of an overhead projector, this means carrying a stack of transparencies that need to be printed out at great expense. In the case of a digital projector, the user typically needs to carry a bulky laptop. Often times the user has trouble getting the laptop to work with the digital projector that is in the conference room.

Recently there has been discussion of using projectors that incorporate some degree of computer functionality. This might enable the user of a conference room projector to carry along just the media containing the presentation, such as a CD-ROM. However, this has the disadvantage that the software present on the projector system may not be compatible with the content.

Description: The present invention is depicted by a following flow chart. The user utilizes a web-based system to schedule a conference room. The conference room system includes a server and one or more projectors associated with one or more conference rooms. In a preferred embodiment, each projector is a fixed digital projector built into the ceiling of the conference room.

The user first selects a conference room via a web-based interface. The web-based interface then offers the user an interface for downloading the software. The user selects from a level and type of security from a set of options. In one embodiment, the user encrypts the file and sends it to the server. The user also provides an indication of the type of content. For example, the content may be powerpoint slides utilizing a certain version of powerpoint. The system runs a check to verify that the proper software driver is present in the conference system to run the content. If not, then the system updates the

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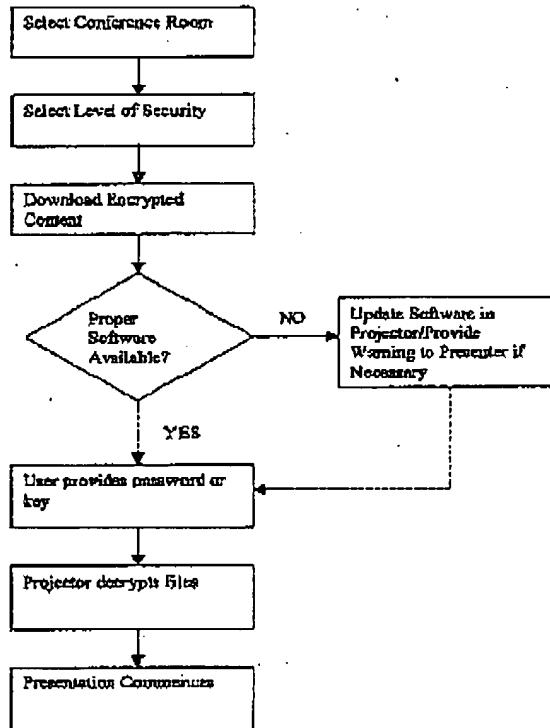
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software. This system preferably determines a means of updating the software prior to final acceptance of the reservation.

When the user arrives at the conference room, only a means of decrypting the content is required. This can be in the form of a password or an encryption key, depending on the level of security selected.



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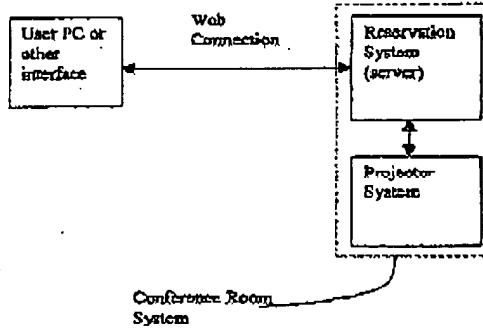
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The figure below illustrates a preferred embodiment of the overall system. The conference room system includes a reservation system (server) and likely a number of projector systems coupled (only one shown).

The projector system is likely a fixed projector that includes an internal PC that communicates with the reservation system to allow the reservation system to verify that the proper software is installed on the projector system. If it is determined that the proper software is not installed on the projector, the reservation system automatically takes action to install the proper version of the software. For example, a presentation may require the latest version of visio. The projector in question may not have been updated yet. In response to determining this discrepancy, the reservation system determines whether its internal application integration manager has the proper software update. If not, then a warning is provided to the user of the reservation system and personnel supporting the reservation system are notified to enable them to acquire the proper software in advance of the reservation.

In another embodiment, the user can upload the software into the reservation system in the event that the conference room system does not have the proper software.



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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

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Sir:

I declare the following:

1. I am the inventor of the above-identified patent application filed on August 21, 2003. At the time the patent application was filed, I was an employee of Hewlett-Packard Co.

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2. I have experience working for Hewlett-Packard Co. in the field of projectors and related systems and methods, and am at least one of ordinary skill in the field of the above-identified patent application.

3. As part of the process of preparing the above-identified patent application, I prepared a disclosure document to record my invention. This document was prepared prior to October 1, 2002. A copy of this disclosure document was appended to my prior declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, filed August 21, 2007, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



Winthrop Childers,
Inventor

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